

REMARKS

The present amendment and request for reconsideration is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2006, the period of response having been extended to October 26, 2006. Claims 1-8, 10-11, and 28-30 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being identical to Claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,668,367. Applicants have amended the claims to distinguish the claims of the present application from those of the issued parent application. In light of the changes made to the claims, it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the double patenting rejection.

In light of the above, it is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner have any additional questions regarding the application, she is invited to call applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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